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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith copies of publications that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application. The publications are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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